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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 149-158 as follows:

149. (New) Apparatus suitable for removing emboli from a vessel, the apparatus comprising a catheter having a proximal section, an occlusive distal section, a main body extending therebetween, an a lumen extending therethrough, and an outer sheath, the outer sheath disposed to slide longitudinally along the catheter, the improvement comprising that the main body has a contracted delivery diameter when disposed within the outer sheath and a radially expanded deployed diameter when deployed from the outer sheath.

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